

Dear Committee Clerk,

I understand that the Michigan Senate's Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes Committee will hold a hearing this Wed, Oct. 17 at 8:00 am on the establishment of a game season for wolves in Michigan. Our state's wolf management already allows farmers and landowners to kill wolves who attack their livestock or pets. There is no need to establish a hunting season on wolves. The wolf population in Michigan has not fully recovered, and an open season on wolves would endanger their long-term survival (which is a goal of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources). It is also worth noting that in 2010, Michigan state University conducted a public opinion poll across our state and found that a large majority of Michigan residents oppose the hunting of wolves in Michigan. There is neither public nor scientific support for establishing a game season for wolves in Michigan. I hope these concerns are expressed to the Committee.

Thank You,

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